(c) Yes, Sir. These guidelines are applicable to all Government and private schools affiliated to the Board.

(d) and (e) CBSE has issued detailed guidelines about the safeguards to be adopted by the schools which are as follows:—

(i) No child should be subjected to any form of corporal punishment at any point of time in the schooling process.

(ii) Principals to provide timely and regular interventions to reduce the stress on children through counseling.

(iii) Regular e-counseling and tele-counseling to students before and during examinations and after the results are announced.

(iv) Regular induction courses and special leadership training programmes for the Principals. Teachers training in different subjects as an ongoing process across the country.

Activities of NCTE

2454. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the major activities of National Council for Teachers' Education; and

(b) how many educational institutions have submitted the applications for startin B. Ed course for 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The National Council for Teacher Education came into being by an Act of Parliament (NCTE Act, 1993) and was established on 17th August, 1995. 1995 to achieve planned and coordinated development of teacher education and regulate and maintain norms and standards in the teacher education system in the country.

It grants recognition to teacher training institutions for various courses, lays down norms and standards for any specified category of course or training in teacher education and prepares guidelines in respect of minimum qualifications for a person to be employed as a teacher in schools. The Council also lays down criteria for admission and standards

in respect of examination leading to teacher education qualifications and lays down guidelines regarding tuition fee and other fees chargeable by recognised institutions.

(b) As per the revised Regulations notified by the Council in January, 2006 any institution can apply to the NCTE for grant of recognition for starting teacher education courses without mentioning the academic session from which it intends to start the course. The recognition is granted when the concerned Regional Committee is satisfied that the institution fulfils all the prescribed conditions laid down in the relevant provisions of the NCTE Act. Rules and Regulations. Thereafter, the institution applies to/is granted affiliation by the concerned affiliating/examining body for the session for which admissions are being made at the time of grant of recognition.

Vice-Chancellors as CEOs

2455. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to give more freedom, flexibility and accountability for Vice-Chancellors so that they could play the role of CEOs enjoing more authority and autonomy;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD.ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Each Central University is governed by its individual Act and the Statutes appended thereto, which provide, *inter-alia,* as under:

— The Vice-Chancellor shall be the principal executive and academic officer of the University, and shall exercise general supervision and control over the affairs of the University and give effect to the decisions of all the authorities of the University.

— The Vice-Chancellor may, if he is of opinion that immediate action is necessary on any matter,exercise any power conferred on any authority of the University by or under the relevant Act and shall report to such authority the action taken by him on such matter,